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*RCE 1772*

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Atty. Docket No.: J-2961A

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

**Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the following application:

**Application**

Application Serial No: 10/075,020  
Filed on: February 12, 2002  
Inventors: Ackerman et al.  
Title: PROCESSING SUBSTRATE,  
AND/OR SUPPORT SURFACE  
Art Unit: 1772  
Examiner: Alicia Ann Chevalier  
Attorney Docket No.: J-2961A

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 10, 2004

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**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- ☐ a. Previously submitted
  - ☐ i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ☐ ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ iii. Other
- ☒ b. Enclosed
  - ☒ i. Amendment C
  - ☐ ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - ☒ iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ☐ iv. Other

**2. Miscellaneous**

- ☐ a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- ☒ b. ***IF AN EXTENSION OF TIME IS REQUIRED IN THIS APPLICATION OR ANY PARENT APPLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS A REQUEST THEREFOR.***
- ☐ c. Other

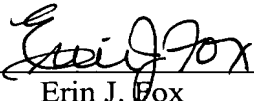
**3. Fees**

- ☒ a. Check in the amount of **\$790.00** is enclosed.
- ☐ b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1309.
  - ☒ i. Any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees, which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, except issue fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1903. (A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed).
  - ☐ ii. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

- ☐ iii. Extension of time fee 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a)
- ☐ iv. Other

Respectfully submitted,

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